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THIS SUNDAY - SPECIAL OFFERING

for **THE ANGLICAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND**

ARDF is a ministry among our Anglican partner churches in the Global South.

Please give generously.

AFTER 10:30 SERVICE: PARISH PICNIC

Bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. The church will supply fried chicken, lasagna, tea and lemonade. All are welcome (visitors too)!

5:30 P.M. RUTTER REQUIEM

*The combined choirs of Saint John's Church and Savannah Arts Academy Choir
John Rutter is one of the most celebrated choral composers of our time, and his
Requiem is one of his most popular works.*

PARISH KALENDAR THIS WEEK

MONDAY– FRIDAY:

8:15AM - *Morning Prayer*

5:30PM - *Evening Prayer*

WEDNESDAY

8:15 – *Morning Prayer*

9:45 – *Litany*

10AM *Sung Eucharist*

5:30PM - *Evening Prayer*

NO SUPPER OR CLASS

THURSDAY

*MEN'S FORUM is taking a break till
further notice.*

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Today we anticipate St. John's Feast of Dedication. On May 7th, 1853, this Church building was "separated from all unhallowed, ordinary and common uses, and dedicated to God's Service, for reading His Holy Word, for celebrating His Sacraments, for offering to His Glorious Majesty the

Sacrifice of Prayer and thanksgiving, for blessing his people in His name, and for the performance of all other Holy Offices according to the Book of Common Prayer". Our gratitude for these blessings is expressed by our continuing "with one accord in prayer". GGD

LIFE AMID THE RUINS

(PART 103 OF A CONTINUING SERIES)

In contrast to dismal news in the Communion, within the Episcopal Church there was an encouraging development, a revision of the 2002 statement about "Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight" adopted in March by the House of Bishops. It is worth long quotation:

"We are profoundly grateful that the faith that binds us together — grounded in Jesus Christ, rooted in the historic Creeds and in the Holy Scriptures — is deep, and that the

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STANDING NOTICES

The occasional Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, Penance, Communion and Unction of the Sick, and the Office of Burial of the Dead are always available by appointment, at announced times, or as necessary.

HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

Please call the Church Office to inform the clergy if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

ST. JOHN'S WEB SITE
Parish Paper essays may be read on our web site: www.stjohnssav.org

VESTRY OFFERING CHAIRMEN

8:00 Mr. Arthur D. Weed
10:30 Mr. W. Howard Helmken

USHER CHAIRMAN

Mr. William Burdell

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Peter Louis Hugo by Nicola, Neville, Peter and Mary Stein.

And on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Ashley Nicole Zittrauer to Mr. William Wash Chisholm III.

CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. Carter C. Hubbard, Sr., Mrs. Philip F. Kirk, Ms. Anne H. Mingleddorf, Mrs. T. Herbert Guerry III
Mrs. Roland S. Summers, Mrs. W. Lee Belford
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ACOLYTES

8:00 John DeBacker
10:30 Clayton Compton
Charles Perrie, John Osborne
Peter Stein, Mikel Kelly
Henry Bowden, Patrick Perrie

COFFEE HOUR CHAIRMAN

Mrs. J. Matthew Solana III

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

➤ Clergy: *To be announced* – (Chapel)

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesday NO Men's Breakfast this week.
Thursday 7 a.m. (Reading Room, with the Rector).
Thursday: WOMEN'S FORUM

WOMEN'S STUDY & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Reading Rm, Cranmer Hall.
Wednesday: 10:45 a.m.-Noon
Thursday: 9:15-10:30 a.m. -

4TH ANNUAL SCULPTURE SHOW

Monday, May 16, 2011
5—8 p.m. in the Green Meldrim House
Appetizers, wine and
fabulous sculptures
*A portion of the proceeds will go to the
Green Meldrim Restoration Fund.*

**THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH
& CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

2012—13 College Education Scholarships.
Please visit their web site www.eyco.org
to obtain the necessary forms.
Applications should be completed and
mailed to The Diocese of Georgia, 611 E.
Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401 and
must be received by the EYCS *no later
than May 31st.*

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

bond created in baptism is indissoluble. Our disagreements are nonetheless real, and touch on issues that cannot be easily or quickly resolved. Convictions are passionately held across the spectrum on matters of human sexuality. We must honor conscience in such a way that persons who find themselves in a theological minority know that they have a permanent place in the Church. Thus the "temporary arrangement" called for in the 2002 covenant must also be seen as being "as long as necessary." Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight is a way of assuring theological minorities that they are beloved and not merely tolerated, and that their presence is a gift rather than a problem."

One can only be grateful for the clarity of this statement about theological conscience and its consequences for our common life. Sadly, some appear to regard it as a problem, and a request for DEPO a breach of good members or an act of disloyalty. We can only be grateful that Bishop Benhase responded to our request with a better understanding and greater generosity of spirit. Moreover, while the call to unity in Christ cannot be rejected, nor the work of reconciliation abandoned, the statement acknowledges that the overcoming of theological differences cannot be put on a time-line.

Nor can these differences be subsumed in a liturgical or sacramental act - not when it is the sacramental acts of the church that are themselves involved in the dispute. The differences over "human sexuality" as this is expressed in ministry and marriage (or quasi-marriage) are intrinsically

divisive at the level of the sacramental and liturgical acts themselves. Whether someone is or is not a priest, whether someone is or is not married, is a very practical question that the liturgical act itself forces the faithful to answer. There are of course, more complicated versions of this question, such as those that arise in the election, confirmation, and consecration to episcopal office of persons in a same-sex partnership. Whatever the precise form of the question, the answer is freighted with profound implications both theological and ecclesial - for the truth of divine revelation entrusted to the church, for the charity which binds the churches into unity.

If it is a mistake to think that *no* theological difference is church-dividing, it is equally a mistake that *all* theological differences are - or that *any* theological difference abolishes the duty to take with the full seriousness of charity the profession of faith made by an erring brother. Purism must not be allowed to become the enemy of charity, and opposition on one point does not justify war on all fronts. If truth requires us to bear public witness to the broken order of the church - even to the point of withdrawing from participation in certain sacramental acts - does it not require that we break the church yet further? The aim of all such actions is, as Matthew 18:15 reminds us, to "gain thy brother".

GGD

8:00 A.M. — HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle, and Gospel 174, 259
A continental breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following this service.

9:30 — 12 Noon NURSERY (*Parish House*)

9:30 A.M. — ADULT, YOUTH, & CHILDREN’S (*Chapel and Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 –Pre-school—3 year olds through Kindergarten (*Cranmer Hall*)

Jr. Choir—1st through 4th Grades (*Cranmer Hall*)

10:30 A.M.— MORNING PRAYER & SERMON

CARILLON

HYMN #780 (back of Hymnal) <i>Christ is made the sure foundation.....</i> Westminster Abbey	
Sentences, Confession, Absolution, and Lord’s Prayer	Prayer Book, pages 6-7
Versicles and Responses	7-8
VENITE (with Easter Antiphon) #606	9
Psalm #98, 99	461-463
First Lesson: St. James 1:17	174
TE DEUM #615, 619	11
Second Lesson: St. John 16:5	175
BENEDICTUS #638	14
Apostles’ Creed	15
Versicles and Responses	16
Collects for the Day	174, 259
Other Collects, Prayers and The Grace	17-20
HYMN #90 <i>He is Risen, He is Risen</i>	Neander
1 st through 4 th grade children enrolled in Jr. Choir will exit following the Cross.	
THE SERMON	Fr. Dunbar

OFFERING

Sentences	
Anthem: <i>I Was Glad</i>	C. Hubert H. Parry
Presentation of Alms: Doxology #139, and Hymn #141 (verse 4)	
Prayer and Blessing	
HYMN # 396 <i>The Church’s one Foundation</i>	Aurelia
ORGAN: <i>Toccata</i>	John Weaver

*Everyone is invited to attend Parish Picnic immediately after the 10:30 service.
If you are a guest and visiting our Parish, please make yourself known.*

12 Noon—HOLY COMMUNION (Chapel) - Collect, Epistle, Gospel BCP pp 174, 259